

KIDNAP SUSPECT SHOT ON STREET

Wounded in Legs While
Walking in Quarter
A 37-year-old white man ac-
cused of kidnaping and beating
a young woman hostage last
weekend in his residence was
shot in both legs early Satur-
day while walking in the
French Quarter.

He was Felix Espinosa,
1719 N. Claiborne, who was
out of jail on bond in connec-
tion with charges of simple
kidnaping and aggravated
battery in connection with the
alleged abduction-assault.

A car driving past him in the
600 block of St. Louis at about
2:30 a. m. slowed down, Es-
pinosa told police, and one of
the passengers opened fire at
him, firing a number of shots.

Two of the shots struck Espi-
nosa in the legs. He was car-
ried to Charity Hospital by a
passerby and at the hospital
was reported in satisfactory
condition. He told police he did
not see his assailant, nor could
he give a reason for his being
shot.

Espinosa Wednesday had
been arrested on the com-
plaint of a 22-year-old wom-
an who accused him of kid-
naping her at knife-point last
Saturday night and then hold-
ing her hostage for two days
during which time she told
police she was stripped of
her clothing and beaten with
various weapons, including
lengths of rubber hose.

Espinosa denied the accusa-
tions at the time of his arrest.

The woman was taken to
Charity Hospital Monday night
after she said she escaped and
pointed out Espinosa, who also
visited the hospital the same
night. Police were unsuccess-
ful at the time in arresting Es-
pinosa, at whom one shot was
tired as he fled.

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